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Is a Nixon recession here?

Reuther, head of auto union, dead in crash

United Auto Workers President Walter P. Reuther, a union leader whose career harked back to the big surge of organizing in the 1930s, died in a plane crash last Saturday.

Reuther, who had headed the UAM since 1946, actually began his union activities in the 1920s when as an apprentice tool and die maker in Wheeling, West Virginia, he was fired for mobilizing a protest against Sunday and holiday work.

His death came on the eve of contract negotiations with the auto makers, with a major union aim measures to give security to auto workers who have been losing wages from layoffs resulting from the Nixon economic slowdown.

Reuther, 62, his wife May, 59, and four other persons were killed when their leased private plane crashed as it was coming in for landing at Pellston, Michi-

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TEACHER'S HAND points to a Montclair Elementary School windowsill which has had it. Inexpensive painting would have prevented now much more costly replacement. Wood rot is common in Oakland's school structures because the schools don't have enough maintenance money. Passage of Oakland Measure D at the June 2 primary will provide funds to stop this expensive deterioration.

Jobless boost rivals big increase in 1958

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Whether or not the nation had a Nixon recession or was just close to one was a matter of opinion this week.

Democrats and labor thought the jump in the national jobless rate from 3.5 per cent in December to 4.8 per cent in April indicated the recession was here. It was the greatest increase in a comparable period since joblessness rose from 5.8 to 7.4 per cent between January and April, 1958 during an Eisenhower recession.

President Nixon, whose deliberate slowdown of the economy as an "anti-inflation" weapon caused the slump, conceded that 4.8 per cent was "too high."

Senator William Proxmire, Wisconsin Democrat, noted that the administration had promised joblessness would not exceed a 4.3 per cent 1970 average.

While prices did not stop rising, the seasonally adjusted jobless total in the nation was 3,948,000 and some 500,000 in California.

Future boosts in durable goods prices were foreshadowed by an approximate $6 a ton increase in sheet steel products—a big percentage of industry's steel purchases—by U.S. Steel and Bethlehem Steel.

But another industry giant, General Motors, reacted to the big dip in business by announcing it would make the first companywide layoffs of salaried employes since the Eisenhower recession of 1958.

The new rise in unemeployment came on top of a 4.4 per cent March jobless rate which represented 1,000,000 more people out of work than a year earlier.

The U.S. Budget Bureau indicated the Nixon policies would boomerang on his "economy" aims, predicting that declining tax revenues resulting from the weakening of the economy would

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COPE asks help in Unruh, Cohelan, Brown mailing

Alameda County labor will tell the voters, beginning over this weekend, why labor urges a vote for its candidates and issues at the June 2 primary election—and volunteers are needed for the job.

A huge mailing of 200,000 COPE brochures will go out.

Volunteers for the mailing should contact COPE at 451-3215 or the Alameda County Central Labor Council at 444-6510 for day, weekend and evening assignments.

Supporting veteran Seventh District Democratic Congressman Jeffery Cohelan, COPE tells the voters:

"In 12 years as your Seventh District Representative in Congress, Jeffery Cohelan has a perfect voting record on labor's tally of such issues as jobs, equal rights, protection against consumer fraud and profiteering, minimum pay, Social Security, health care, measures against poverty and urban strife, housing, aid to education, conservation and the rights of working people . . .

"A champion of peace, he seeks to halt the Republican ad-

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Big effort needed at Sacramento, legislators indicate

Four Alameda County legislators supported labor's program in the state Legislature at a conference with 100 representatives of Alameda County unions in Sacramento last Tuesday.

The legislators who participated in a breakfast conference with Alameda County labor were Senators Nicholas Petris, Democrat, and Lewis F. Sherman, Republican; Democratic Assemblyman Carlos Bee and Democratic Assemblywoman March K. Fong.

They indicated a big effort would be needed to pass two key labor supported bills. The dialogue was:

On Assembly Bill 775 to establish a $2.25 an hour minimum wage and a 25 hour maximum work week:

Petris: "Our minimum wages always fall way behind what the needs are. I don't know the chances of passage."

Bee: "Bills similar to this over the years have always been defeated."

On AR 559 to prohibit hiring professional strike breakers in California:

Bee: "Newspaper publishers are violently opposed."

Petris, a co-author, said there was a question whether there were enough votes to report it out of committee.

Bee and Petris emphasized

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Anti-scab bill hearing due

The long-needed measure to outlaw professional strikebreaking in California gets a hearing at 1:45 p.m., Thursday, May 28, before the Assembly Labor Relations Committee.

A big delegation of labor representatives is expected to appear for the legislation, Assembly Bill 559 by Los Angeles Democratic Assemblyman David Roberti.

The California Labor Federation, which sponsored the bill, urged unions and unionists to contact their assemblymen, urging support.

Had the bill's provisions been in effect they would have prevented such scab operations as the more than two years of strikebreaking by the Hearst Los Angeles Herald-Eraminer.

Also up for hearing by the committee are three bills opposed by labor. They are AB 755 by Robert Badham, Newport Beach Republican, prohibiting "professional pickets;" AB 1096 by Robert Wood, Salinas GOP assemblyman, relating to hiring of minors and AB 1051 by Clare Berryhill of Modesto, another Republican, on delay in paying wages.

On the good side of the picture, AB 487 by Assemblyman Eugene A. Chappie, Republican of Cool, for aid to job safety enforcement, got the committee's approval and went to the Assembly floor.

Chappie's bill would require that the person or organization making a safety complaint be given a copy of the Division of Industrial Safety's report and findings.

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Voluntary construction opportunity plan seen

The Bay Area—or at least the East Bay—will soon have a voluntary plan to bring more minority workers into the construction industry, avoiding something like the "Philadelphia Plan," it was predicted last week.

The prediction regarding all of the area came from John L. Wilks, deputy secretary of labor for compliance, at the Bay Area Construction Opportunity Program's second annual meeting in Burlingame.

He said the Bay Area would have its voluntary affirmative action plan by July.

Secretary - Treasurer Lamar Childers of the Alameda County Building Trades Council, commented later:

"We are hopeful we can get together on a five or six county program.

"If we can't have that, we are going to have a program for Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

"We will have a program that will meet the federal standards and the needs of the construction industry and have the approval of the minority community.

"The Alameda County Building Trades Council is determined to pursue this. We feel very strongly that the program should be in the hands of the people who know the construction industry and we feel it's our

Representatives of Bay Area BTCs met last week with Robert Brauer, area coordinator for the Labor Department Office of Contract Compliance.

Childers said the Alameda County BTC and Brauer were "pretty much in agreement on the objectives and principles" of a voluntary affirmative action

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OFFICIAL NOTICES

Correspondents columns will be found on pages 4 and 5 of this edition of the Labor Journal. Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 6.

How to Buy

Where to put mobile homes?

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS
Consumer Expert for
Labor Journal

The Nixon Administration has told Congress that the easiest way for moderate-income families to get into their own house is to buy a mobile home.

The Administration considers this kind of home to be "the largest single source of acceptable new housing . . . at prices which moderate-income families can afford."

There's no doubt but that mobile homes are cheaper. They cost approximately one-fourth the price of the average conventional new house today; $8,000-$10,000 compared to $27,000. Their use is growing. Some three to four million families already live in them.

BUT IF Mr. Nixon thinks mobile homes are going to solve the growing housing shortage he better figure out where to put them. And before you buy one, you better know where you're going to set it, especially if you have children.

The Administration's cut-rate answer to the housing shortage drew this shocked reaction from Joseph D. Keenan, Chairman of the AFL-CIO Housing Committee: "We cannot accept this invitation to rootless, transient living as the national goal for the American family."

The fact is, families already are having trouble finding a place to locate mobile homes, even in rural areas with plenty of land. Many towns have zoning restrictions forbidding mobile homes. Some trailer parks don't want families with children. In effect, they bar younger families who are hardest hit by the general housing shortage.

"We are young married people with two children under school age and a moderate income," Mrs. L. C. Eberhart writes. "We bought a mobile home. "It's comfortable and easy to maintain. But here in Hiram, Georgia, they have passed an ordinance which will not allow us to buy land to put our home on."

The county commission told the Eberharts to go to a trailer park. The commission seems to feel that mobile homes don't pay enough property tax. The real reason, the Eberharts feel, is that the local authorities think mobile homes will reduce property values.

SOME WORKING families now living in mobile homes have encountered another form of discrimination. The park operators don't want children. They don't actually bar them. They just charge much more.

In Connecticut, writes Harold E. Gerrish Jr., the Jensen's mobile home court charges, most typically, $60 a month for rental for a couple plus $6-$10 for each pre-school child. But this large operator recently raised the charge for each child over five to $25 a month. Thus a family with two school-age children will pay almost twice as much as a couple without children.

You can see the dilemma for families. "The towns have laws prohibiting mobile home parks or parking mobile homes on private lots," Gerrish told us. In effect, this has handed existing trailer courts a "near-monopoly." Gerrish has tried to call attention to this problem "but the local papers ignore me."

Since Jensen's is a leading operator with scores of mobile home parks throughout the East, we asked them about their inordinately high charges for children.

IT'S TRUE. They really don't want children, their executive vice-president, L. Richard Nixon said. (This is just a remarkable coincidence; another Richard Nixon. The President is not really moonlighting by running a mobile home court on the side).

L. Richard Nixon, the mobile home official, does not agree with Richard Nixon, the President. "We feel that a mobile home is not the proper place to raise a family once the children reach school age," L. Richard Nixon told us.

"There is a limited amount of square footage and it is unfair to the child, the parents, the neighbors, the community and to us, as developers. To promote three and four school-age children living in a mobile home is to encourage a mobile home ghetto."

When children already living in a mobile home development reach school age, the only choice, says Jensen's, is to evict them or charge enough to offset the loss in sales to elderly people (whom Jensen's really wants), and pay for "some of the physical damage . . . done by these children."

Some parks or courts in other parts of the country also discourage children, reports Gloria Telander, Associate Publisher of **Woodall's Mobile Home Park Directory.** But there are other mobile home communities that do rent to families.

THE REAL PROBLEM is zoning, Mrs. Telander says. If permission for a mobile home community can be obtained, families are more likely to be accomodated. But in the meantime, "available spaces are very hard to come by."

Too, rentals are rising, Mrs. Telander reports, both because of the upgrading of courts and the general inflation.

The Johnson Administration did not include mobile homes in its housing program. It did not consider them permanent housing. The Nixon Administration's plan envisions installing them permanently on land bought for trailer parks.

The Administration will find it has a real fight on its hands from local authorities. Among other reasons, they argue that mobile homes do not yield enough taxes to pay for educating the children living in them.

Another problem is that lenders charge more for financing mobile homes. The Eberhart's paid $734 to finance a balance of $2,523 over 54 months. This is the equivalent of an annual rate of 12 per cent. Even the FHA rate for mobile homes if you can find a lender who will make the loan, is 10-11 per cent, depending on size of loan.

If you have been thinking of a mobile home to get around the housing shortage, better first see where you can put it. Find out whether the local trailer courts will jump your rates when your toddlers get older. **Woodall's Directory** offers some help. It's available in libraries and at local courts. It rates courts and describes costs and facilities.

The American National Standards Institute has announced a new mobile home standard. Make sure any new mobile home you are considering buying does meet the American National Standard for protection against fire, windstorm (a frequent problem of early models which lacked enough structural rigidity), and adequacy of plumbing, among other details.

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Union label show opens May 22

The Union-Industries Show—the annual exhibition of union-made products and services — will celebrate its 25th anniversary this month in one of the nation's most historic cities.

Secretary - Treasurer Joseph Lewis of the AFL-CIO Union Labor & Service Trades Department said preparations are well under way for the show at The Rivergate in New Orleans, May 22-27.

More than 300 exhibits will be featured during the six-day program. Over $100,000 worth of gifts, prizes and souvenirs will be given away to the public, which is admitted free.

New Orleans is acclaimed "as one of America's most interesting cities" and "we believe the 1970 show will provide living proof of the description," Lewis said.

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Beautiful music

With summer practically here, union picnics and parties won't be far behind and, said Sam Zagami, be sure to get a union band if you want music.

Zagami, secretary-treasurer of Musicians Local 510, told the Alameda County Central Labor Council that it didn't matter whether the band members belong to Local 510 or Musicians Local 6—as long as they are union.

Pollution case

United States Steel Corporation and one of its Chicago plant managers have been accused of dumping iron oxide and other blast furnace wastes into Lake Michigan in the first indictment by a federal grand jury in a pollution case. Conviction could bring fines of as much as $12,500 for U.S. Steel and a $2,500 fine for the manager.

Anti-litter bill

Alameda County Assemblywoman March K. Fong has introduced legislation to prohibit sale of "non-biodegradable" nonreturnable beer and soft drink containers. Her Assembly Bill 1313 would require a 5 cent deposit on all such cans or bottles to prevent their littering roads, parks and beaches.

Popular cause

More than 4,400 young people have applied for membership in Nader's Raiders, the organization of consumer advocate Ralph Nader, but there are fewer than 200 openings. The group investigates everything from pollution to whether the government adequately protects consumers.

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING is a Hearst magazine. Labor asks you not to buy any Hearst publications until Hearst scabbing in Los Angeles stops.

Getting Your Money's Worth

Sixty pharmacies in metropolitan New York charged Consumers Union shoppers anywhere from 79 cents to $7.45 to fill the same prescription for a commonly used drug.

Thirty capsules of tetracycline, a broad spectrum antibiotic, was used in the survey by the non-profit consumer organization.

While, on the average, discounters charged less, a shopper who went out of his way to have the prescription filled by a discounter might have paid up to $2.60 more than in his neighborhood, according to the survey by the non-profit consumer organization.

THE PROBLEM has nationwide implications says Consumer Reports, CU's magazine. Every state except Ohio and Florida bars advertisements of prescription drugs—even in the face of strong evidence that "price advertising is much needed," says the May-issue article.

"The highest price we paid, $7.45, was to a neighborhood druggist in Harlem, but the average price paid in low-income neighborhood stores was 35 cents less than in other neighborhoods," the magazine notes.

The survey also found that three E. J. Korvette chain stores dispensed the same brand of tetracycline but their prices were $2.65, $2.95 and $3.25. And, the magazine says, "Two Great Eastern Pharmacy branches a few miles apart on the same highway in suburban Long Island might as well have been on opposite coasts of the U.S. One charged $3.65, the other only 79 cents."

All 60 pharmacies checked gave 30 capsules as called for, and four dispensed 31, but one discount store filled the prescription with the wrong drug.

SHOPPING around for the best buy on prescription drugs is not generally practical, says Consumer Reports noting that most times drugs are needed on short notice and the urgency of sickness would be apt to overrule the urge to canvass the prices of several drugstores.

"All in all," Consumer Reports concludes, "here is a case where honest-to-goodness price advertising is much needed. Only the law stands in the way.

Every state except Ohio has prohibited advertisements of prescription drugs, ostensibly on medical and ethical grounds but more likely at the urging of competition-shy drug interests, the magazine charges.

Last year a department store in St. Petersburg, Florida, advertised prices in defiance of the law and won a decision in State Supreme Court striking down the law.

"It should be struck down or repealed in every state," says Consumer Reports.

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It's an all Reagan, all GOP Industrial Welfare board

Ronald Reagan has ended the longstanding practice that the state Industrial Welfare Commission, which rules on minimum pay and working conditions for women and young people, should have labor representation.

The commission's five members now are all Reagan appointees and all business-oriented Republicans.

Last to go of the pre-Reagan board were J. J. Rodriguez of Los Angeles Butchers Local 563, up to then the surviving labor member, and Mrs. Dorothy Colton of Beverly Hills, a public representative who usually voted with labor.

Reagan gave them the axe and appointed two business executives in their places.

Named to Rodriguez's seat on the commission was Kenneth J. Bourguignon, president of Dotkin Engineering, Inc., a Van Nuys construction company.

Reagan named Edward Curran, program controller for North American Rockwell, to replace Mrs. Colton.

The IWC, which issues wage orders covering some 4,000,000 women and minor workers, has been made up under previous state administrations of two management representatives, two from labor and one chosen to represent the public.

Rodriguez predicted bleakly that the new commission "will fail to consider new minimum wage increases for women and minors—increases to which they are entitled."

He blasted Reagan for "breaking faith" with working people.

A commission advisory board last year recommended that wage and hour coverage be extended to household workers. Reagan quickly replaced another labor representative on the commission, Mrs. Ruth Compagnon, executive secretary of Los Angeles Waitresses Local 639, with Joyce Valdez who, along with her husband, operates a food chain in Orange County.

Since then, moves for extension and improvement have lost by a 3 to 2 vote. Rodriquez was defeated two months ago on his motion to proclaim a wage order for domestics and on his move to reopen all 14 existing wage orders.

Besides Mrs. Valdez, the previous Reagan appointees are a Corona rancher, Theodore Todd, and a Eureka wholesale food supplier, Stanton Elliott.

Thoman on urban renewal committee board

Al Thoman, business representative of Carpenters Local 36, has been elected a director of the Oakland Citizens Committee for Urban Renewal, of which he is the only labor member.

The committee has recently been approved by the Oakland city council as the city's advisory committee on renewal and planning.

Its function thus is to be the voice of the people, airing community thinking on projects proposed by the Redevelopment Agency.

The federal government requires that there be a broadly based and representative local group to review federally funded projects.

"This is as broadly based a committee as there is around in Oakland," Thoman said.

Its members come from such varied groups as the Black Caucus, League of Women Voters, labor, city bureaus, builders, architects, attorneys, churches, business and industry.

Thoman was delegated by the Alameda County Building Trades Council. He has been an active member since the committee's inception 15 years ago.

While it was only recently designated as the city advisory committee on renewal and planning, Thoman said the group has long been concerned about almost everything in the community and has kept itself informed on what goes on.

Its particular interest has been West Oakland, where the Redevelopment Agency is most active and where the Building Trades Council is currently expanding Oakland Acorn, its nationally known integrated development of moderate income apartments and townhouses.

Thoman sees the committee as a place to initiate things and its new official status as "giving people a voice in the policy and planning."

The committee's official position is strictly advisory. It may review proposals of the Redevelopment Agency staff for physical or social changes and then make its own recommendations which may be included in final plans.

Campaign dinner to hear Unruh

Campaigners for Jess Unruh for governor will hear Unruh as the main speaker at a $12.50 a plate fund-raising dinner in Hayward next Wednesday, May 20.

The affair will be held at the Holiday House, 29827 Mission Boulevard, Hayward. It will open with a no-host cocktail party at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be at 7:30.

Co-chairman of the dinner, which will raise funds for Unruh's campaign at the June 2 primary election, are Secretary-Treasurer Joe Medeiros of Culinary Workers & Bartenders Local 823, and Democratic leader John Brooks.

Reservations are available from Marjorie Medeiros at the Unruh campaign headquarters, 23281 Mission Boulevard, Hayward, telephone 582-4645.

Sponsors are aiming at up to 1,000 turnout, with a strong labor representation in prospect.

Berkeley firemen set May 19 deadline, want action by city

Berkeley firemen have given the city a fourth extension of time for a satisfactory settlement in bargaining on their proposals but Fire Fighters Local 1227 said the city has not yet come near agreeing to what the firemen want.

The deadline is May 19 after which if there is no settlement, Local 1227 President John Bauer said, the union will call a special meeting to decide action.

Local 1227's request for strike sanction has been placed in the hands of a special committee of unionists by the Alameda County Central Labor Council.

The union has written the city's hired bargaining representative, asking for mediation but has had no answer, Bauer said. Neither has there been an answer from the city council or city manager to whom copies of the request were sent, he said.

The vote to call a special meeting passed 141 to 2 by secret ballot of the membership. May 19 is the date when the city manager is to submit a budget to the city council.

The union wants wages, fringes and conditions which are fair in comparison with those of 27 comparable cities, all of which are above Berkeley. It also wants pension improvements and better pension funding to finance them.

Pension benefits have not been increased in 26 years and in the same period there have been only two cost of living increases, the union noted.

While seeking improvements, the union has appealed to Berkeley citizens to sign statements of support. Local 1227 has opened a support headquarters at 1824 University Avenue, Berkeley, phone 548-1888. It appealed to Berkleyans to sign support statements at the headquarters.



DR. PAUL S. TAYLOR

Labor Federation names Paul Taylor research chief

Paul S. Taylor, professor emeritus of economics and former chairman of the Department of Economics at the University of California, began new duties last Friday as research director and economist of the California Labor Federation.

Dr. Taylor is an authority on federal reclamation law and has testified before numerous Congressional hearings on the subject.

He has done extensive research on migratory farm labor and rural rehabilitation.

He has served as a consultant to the United Nations, the United Stated Department of the Interior and the Social Security Administration.

Dr. Taylor has served on the state advisory council of the State Department of Employment and has been a member of the California State Board of Agriculture.

Between 1956 and 1962 he was chairman of the Institute for International Studies at UC.

Williams returns after operation

Senior Business Agent Bud Williams of Automotive Machinists Lodge 1546 was back on the job after an operation.

Williams underwent vascular surgery in mid-March at the Kaiser Hospital in Redwood City.

He had returned for several days in recent weeks and attended union events. This Monday he was back fulltime.

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AFSCME 371 'Info'

BY NAT DICKERSON

Although custodians were admonished to say nothing to student "strikers" at the University, the writer felt under constraint to answer when asked, "are you going out on strike," that we were not aware of any mutual affiliations warranting such action on our part.

The reason for this reply is that the writer believes the use of the term "strike" by students is a travesty because the strike has traditionally been a last resort of workers to obtain sorely needed economic benefits. This is not the case with students, but reflects political concerns which may be valid for unions and students alike. (The writer believes they are). However, we do not believe they should launch programs of property destruction, nor that of government, for that matter, until they have completed their educations, and are better able to reconstruct all of the things they will have destroyed.

The meeting of last Saturday was a very gratifying affair; the extent of attendance was primarily due to the presence of Warne Ehring, our new insurance representative from Los Angeles; some of it was also due in part to the recent negotiation session the Executive Committee had with the Administration.

The negotiations of Local 371 are conducted in a somewhat different manner than those of most other unions, as there are many personal relationships involved between the Administration and the custodians. Whether this is good or bad, we do not know.

Nevertheless, we do get what we go after!

We are happy to have initiated two new members, Robert J. Grijalva and Wayne Green; the initiation ceremony is always impressive, as conducted by President Murphy.

Brother Bob McLane was in his usual good form, in delivering his reports on grievances and such. There were no reports on Sick Leave by Brother Martinez.

Watchmakers 101

BY GEORGE F. ALLEN

Inasmuch as the San Francisco members receive the East Bay Labor Journal, we are in this manner giving them information as to how the San Francisco Labor Council recommends to vote:

Proposition A—Yes vote. Proposition B—Yes vote. Proposition C—Yes vote. Proposition D—No vote. Proposition E—recommends no position. Proposition F—Yes vote. Proposition G — Yes vote. Proposition H—No vote. Proposition I—No vote.

A No vote on Proposition I has been the recommendation of labor for the following reason: An initiative now being circulated by policemen and dealing with hours, wages, fringe benefits and promotions within their department. The Fire Fighters pointed out that for many years they have enjoyed Section 36.3 of the Charter which guaranteed parity as between the police and fire departments. In this proposed petition Section 36.3 guaranteeing parity has been deliberately deleted thus depriving the fire fighters of parity. Because of this unfortunate action on the part of the policemen a No vote was recommended.

Members living in other counties receive their own county journal, therefore can obtain what labor recommends through this source.

SAN FRANCISCO MEETING: The next membership meeting will be held on Thursday, May 21, 1970 at 7:30 p.m.—Union Office, 693 Mission Street, Suite 707, San Francisco.

AFSCME 1695

BY MIKE FRIEDMAN

At a well-attended special membership meeting on Thursday, May 7, AFSCME 1695 voted overwhelmingly to participate in the "reconstitution" of the University of California as a base for anti-war organizing. The students and faculty already had begun to reorganize the campus departments on the basis of "no business as usual," even as Reagan announced that he was closing the campuses for the remainder of the week.

In the course of the new resurgence of mass activity among thousands of students, people are coming to realize that if the war is to be ended, working people will have to actively oppose it. Students alone cannot force Nixon to change his disastrous policies — only the working people of this country, organized on the job, have the power to do that.

On the campus, staff members have been organizing department meetings and in other ways participating in the anti-war organization of the campus. AFSCME is demanding that there be no reprisals by the Administration or faculty against any employe who chooses to take part in these activities.

A few have objected that the University is a "tax-supported" institution, belonging to the public, and we, the employes, have no right to use it. But we, with the students and faculty, are the institution and we have decided that no longer will we allow ourselves, our skills, time and energy, to be used by those few people who have determined that the University should be used to support the war. For through ROTC, through scientific and social/political research, the University is very much involved with the war. And the Cambodian disaster has sparked off the anger of hundreds of UC workers, who are saying NO MORE. All workers who are fed up with this war, and with lying politicians who continue to pursue policies that the majority of Americans have rejected, should begin to organize on the job in opposition.

Some unions, such as the United Auto Workers, already have called work stoppages against the war. Other workers have been militantly fighting the effects of war-caused inflation by striking for higher wages and better working conditions. What we all must do is link up these two kinds of fights, because our living standard and working conditions will not get much better until we fight militantly against the causes as well as the effects of inflation.

Workers can begin by organizing anti-war committees where they work, holding demonstrations during lunch hours, and raising the issue of the war in their unions. The Labor Councils of Alameda, Contra Costa and San Francisco counties have passed resolutions against the cambodian invasion. Rank and file workers must begin now to put these resolutions into action.

Right now, when large numbers of students and workers on the campuses are involved in opposing the war, some activities are being coordinated with those off the campus. Anyone who wants to know what can be done where he or she works can contact me at 845-5943.

from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

Here's what's going on down south

If you don't like scabbing — particularly professional scabbing — the fact that last Saturday's Los Angeles Herald-Examiner had only 24 pages should interest you.

The Herald-Examiner is the Hearst paper which under young George Hearst, who isn't as young as when he started this, has been running with strikebreakers since December 15, 1967.

His answer to a strike was to lock out all the other workers and bring in the pros to work behind a high wire fence inside a picket line.

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ADMITTEDLY, most Saturday papers are fairly slim because it's not a good day for advertising.

But a comparison or so will indicate that it is indeed true, as the Los Angeles unions point out, that people simply don't go for a scab operation and the Her-Ex is going downhill fast in advertising and circulation, with the help of a healthy boycott.

Because on that same day, the San Diego Evening Tribune had 38 pages. The Los Angeles Times had somewhere around 50. Sorry, I can't read my more than week old notes too clearly so rather than be inaccurate, I have to approximate.

The Coronado Journal, which I was told is a semi-weekly or at least publishes less than daily, had 14 pages for the previous Thursday.

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LET'S GET one thing straight. I did NOT, repeat NOT buy the strikebreakers' production to discover its size. I don't even buy its sister San Francisco Examiner, since I respect the Hearst boycott.

I somewhat irritated the comely tobacco and newsstand girl clerk at a hotel in Coronado where I was attending a labor press convention, by handling but not buying her papers.

I should, as some East Bay unionists once did at Sacramento, threaten to move out unless the scab sheets were removed from the hotel rack. It worked there. They didn't have to move. The Her-Exes did.

But the idea didn't strike me until I was en route home.

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THE HER-EX once had the biggest afternoon daily circulation in the nation. That meant that it was doing super-well advertising - wise. But now it's a shadow of its old self.

How long young George will hold out is hard to say.

But one thing is certain.

He's not making the Hearst chain rich.

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BEING a glutton for punishment, and preferring to stay close to the ground particularly when it gives out all the fresh scents of spring, I drove to Coronado. This comes under the never-again category since as an ignorant northerner I completely misremembered that it is 141 miles from Los Angeles to San Diego. That last two plus hours did me in.

Next time I fly.

Carmen's Union, 192, ATU

BY MIKE CHUBA

Negotiations have been resumed. General Executive Board Member Charles C. McCaffrey has been here to assist us, but the District has not come up with cost items, such as Medical, Dental and more wages which we are all interested in and must have by May 31, 1970.

Signup will be held in all Divisions on Sunday, May 24, starting at 8 a.m. Remember if you can not make it to leave a choice. Also those working must put a slip in to be excused 48 hours before Sunday.

Our Benevolent Plan will be effective as of July 1, 1970. Those authorizations cards you received with your check Friday are important, please be sure and sign it and return to Union Office. It was also voted on at our last Union Meeting to allow those to join who have never belonged to the Benevolent, without paying any initiation fee.

That's about all the news for this week. Be sure and read your Bulletin Board for Special Meeting, also the East Bay Labor Journal will keep you informed.

Jobless rise sparks fears

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wipe out an expected $1,500,000,000 budget surplus for this fiscal year.

Other recession pointing signs:

- **New orders for durable goods dipped 1.9 per cent in March from February.**
- **Business failures rose 13 per cent in March, said Dun & Bradstreet.**
- **Manufacturing layoffs in March were 18 per 1,000 workers, the highest for a single month in six years.**
- **New hirings and recalls to jobs fell from 43 per 1,000 workers to 40 between February and March, the lowest in more than five years.**
- **The job market "went to hell in April," one economist noted and Labor Department spokesmen agreed with him that employers were making widespread employe cuts.**

Miami cab drivers strike, win recognition, pact

A 19-day strike, launched during this spring's AFL-CIO Executive council meeting in Florida, with the council's blessing, has won union recognition and a first cintract for 500 Yellow Cab drivers in Miami.

More Helpful Tips from PG&E "Clip and Save"

How to warm up a cold pilot.



Even the most faithful pilot light can go out. So check your pilot first if one of your gas appliances or furnace isn't operating.

Most gas ranges have more than one pilot. If you're not sure where they're located, consult your owner's manual. (If you need help, call us.) Before relighting a pilot, be sure all burners are turned off. Allow a few minutes for the air to clear, then touch a lighted match to the pilot opening. The pilot should light with a small, blue flame, and the burner should light when you turn it on. If the burner fails to light, call us. We'll send a man out to check it.

Modern gas water heaters and dryers shut off completely if the pilot goes out. And most models bear manufacturer instructions for relighting. If you can't get the appliance operating, call us or the installer.

If the pilot of any gas heater or furnace goes out, TURN OFF THE MAIN BURNER VALVE FIRST. Allow ten or fifteen minutes for any accumulation of gas to clear before relighting pilot (following the instructions on the equipment). With the pilot relighted, the furnace or heater should operate. If it won't, call us.

PILOTS NEEDN'T GO ON VACATION. Some folks prefer to shut off furnaces and water heaters during the summer or vacations. However, it's more convenient to turn off the main burner, but not the pilot. When the pilot is lighted, your furnace is ready to work on a cold day. Most hot water heaters can be turned to "PILOT" when not in use. This keeps the pilot lighted and prevents the main burner from heating water.

WARNING: Never look for a gas leak with a lighted match or candle. If you suspect a gas leak, call PG&E right away and we'll check it.

If you call for a PG&E service man to check out a gas leak or an appliance, have him show you where your pilots are, and how to relight them. If an appliance needs repairs or parts, an appliance man, plumber, or furnace man should be called.

P.S. The average daily cost of gas and electricity to run a typical household year 'round is less than a couple of packs of cigarettes.

PG and E

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Sheet Metal Workers 216

BY ROBERT M. COOPER

Harry Shelley is just back from an extended visit to Hawaii and Japan with his son. He enjoyed his trip immensely but is glad to be back in the "good ol' U.S.A."

He says there is building galore in Hawaii and Tokyo with lots of hotels and large shopping centers, etc. He visited the huge four story underground shopping center in Tokyo. Harry says Japan is way out in front of the U.S.A in the field of rapid transit.

Only the new hotels have modern plumbing and he didn't care for the open-air trough-like sidewalk latrines. But all in all he enjoyed his trip.

A few days ago LeRoy Miller suffered a bad cut in his hand at Scott Company due to a piece of duct falling off a truck. He is able to work with a big bandage and splints on his hand.

John Marquette is going back to work after losing time due to a back ailment.

Mrs. Fred Quinn called last Sunday to let me know Mickey Morgan's wife had passed away after a long illness. Our sympathies are with Mickey and also Marvin and Jack Shaa (two of our members who were brothers of Mrs. Morgan).

Fred Lemmon, who had worked at Todd's Shipyard since migrating here from Arizona, has been confined to a hospital with lung trouble and is home recuperating now.

Be sure to register to vote.

Please don't buy Coors.

Regular union meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month, 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple, Oakland.

Members of the Tri - State Council Death Benefit Plan please note that Death Assessment No. 672 is now due and payable.

Barbers 134

BY JACK M. REED

Brothers, this week I would like to call your attention to conditions in regard to Health and Welfare, nationally and locally. Representative Martha W. Griffiths of Michigan recently introduced a bill in Congress that would set up a comprehensive National Health Insurance program.

I have had a taste of conditions at Kaiser Hospital, Oakland through a member of my family and the taste is sour. Either they are understaffed or have incompetent help or poor management or are accepting too many members or need stiff competition or a combination of all of the above. Also those mini-TV dinners are something else or should I say they should be some place else. No wonder the share-Doctors are cutting nice bonuses. Some day this money will go for service to members who are paying for it but not getting it. (I get complaints).

However, it seems that the only way to overcome the excessive costs of medical care would be by a National program that would cover all the people.

Congresswoman Griffiths states that the cost of a major illness is such that 9 out of 10 Americans are medically indigent.

The hard working wage and salary earners are supporting health care for the rest of America and the income tax system gives them little credit for doing so. Payments for hospital care increased 17 per cent in one year. The average daily room charges exceed $100 a day in some of our hospitals and gross receipts for private physicians increased an average of more than 10 per cent during 1969 over the previous year.

However, despite the high costs, we are getting inadequate results and inferior services. In a time of escalating medical costs, most Americans face a gap between what they are charged and what their private health plan insurance programs pay for. Congresswoman Griffiths' bill would provide free choice of physicians while well and not under the stress of illness.

Twenty-four per cent of Americans have no hospital coverage. 26 per cent have no surgeon fee coverage. 51 per cent have no coverage for x-ray and laboratory examinations. 60 per cent have no out of hospital prescribed drugs coverage. 99.5 per cent have no dental health insurance coverage at all.

Do we need National Health care? You bet we do.

Sheet Metal Credit Union

BY HAROLD R SAKSA

Sheet Metal workers work hard for their money so it is important that we get every cent's worth when we buy. Here are some guidelines we can use:

WHERE TO BUY. Choose a store that stocks a range of sizes, qualities and varieties and who sell labeled goods that meet standards. Stores who charge fair prices based on service and quality.

WHERE NOT TO BUY . . . Beware of sales in stores you have not patronized before. Beware of fire sales, work - at - home schemes, wholesalers who advertise for retail trade, easy do it yourself items, puzzle contests, "Selling out" and "Going out of business," sales. Probably one of the most disregarded sucker signals of all time is "Buy now or lose the chance." What in essence the salesman is saying to himself is "Sell now or lose the chance." Other sucker signals are, Yours absolutely free . . . Its only a legal form . . . you have been especially selected . . . and you can save up to . . .

TIPS TO BARGAIN HUNTERS. We all need to become experts as bargain hunters as it can save us money. Merchandise that was priced higher in the store before a sale is usually marked "formerly," "usually," "regularly," "marked down," and "—% off." Merchandise that is regularly priced is marked "value," "nationally advertised," "worth," and "manufacturer's suggested retail price." Care should be used in buying "imperfect," "irregular," and "seconds" merchandise as the obvious defect may not be the only thing wrong. "Too good to resist," "may come in handy" are usually no bargain. The least expensive may be inferior in quality, the luxury line overpriced.

You may wonder why buying is a credit union concern. It is the financial stability of our member we strive for, and any help we give is only a service, we feel, the member is entitled to.

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Labor Council asks night, weekend supervisor meets

Unions hold their meetings at times convenient to members and county boards of supervisors should be equally considerate of the public which they represent, the Alameda County Central Labor Council declared.

The council approved a resolution from Hospital Workers Local 250 to ask state legislation requiring night and weekend meetings of supervisors on zoning and employe pay matters.

Under the proposed legislation supervisors would hold at least two night or weekend meetings before acting on county employe wages and fringe benefits.

Prior to action on property zoning, the boards should hold at least two weekend meetings under the Labor Council proposal.

Larry Elizarde of Local 250, who proposed the council resolution, noted that boards of supervisors meetings at 9 a.m. on such matters as zoning were not uncommon.

Another provision of the legislation would be that supervisors must certify in writing before acting on zoning that they have no interest in the property involved nor represent the owner.

Big effort needed at Sacramento, legislators indicate

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that labor must work harder to accomplish its political goals. Petris suggested a labor program for its younger members, teaching them that the benefits they take for granted are the result of years of union effort in legislative halls and at the bargaining table.

Central Labor Council President Russ Crowell said that from the developments of the last two weeks "the demands of these young people are not a whole lot different than the demands of labor," and the developments of the last several weeks indicate "we can begin to talk about a coalition of labor, liberals, Democrats and include the young people."

Building Trades Council President Paul Jones pointed out that reactionary Republicans are "turning the tables on us" with AB 755 to prohibit professional pickets. "I've never met a professional picket," Jones said.

Bills sepcifically endorsed by the legislators included AB 487 to require the Division of Industrial Safety to investigate complaints and report on the investigation; Senate Bill 367 to increase the maximum weekly benefit for permanent disability to $100, and SB 266 to increase the maximum temporary disability from $87.50 to $150. Both Jones and Sherman emphasized that disabled workers almost never get the maximum.

Labor committee for Unruh seeks to end Reagan blight

A statewide California Labor Committee to Elect Jess Unruh Governor, made up of more than 250 union representatives, has been established, Committee Chairman John F. Henning announced. More names are being added daily, he said.

Henning, secretary - treasurer of the California Labor Federation and of its California Labor Council on Political Education, noted that nearly 500,000 Californians are out of work under the Reagan administration and declared:

"We need Jess Unruh and we need him badly. The people of California simply cannot take four more years of high unemployment, runaway inflation and Mr. Reagan's reckless personal war with university students.

"Economic and social turmoil are menacing the basic stability of state government in California."

Alameda County is represented on the committee by Secretary-Treasurer Lamar Childers of the Building Trades Council and Central Labor Council Executive Secretary-Treasurer Richard K. Groulx of the Central Labor Council.

Unruh's election will mean a return to high employment and social progress, Henning said.

"It will mean an expanding educational system and protection of workers' rights through state agencies dedicated to worker protection," Henning added in reference to Governor Reagan's cutbacks in funds for education, job safety, apprenticeship and other state services to workers.



JESS UNRUH

Other members of the committee include Labor Federation President Albin J. Gruhn, Secretary-Treasurer Sigmund Arywitz of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, President Joseph Belardi of the Joint Board of Culinary Workers of San Francisco, President James Lee and Secretary-Treasurer J. J. Twombley of the state Building Trades Council, President Loretta Riley of the California State Culinary Alliance and other local and statewide representatives.

Railway strike ballots out

General chairmen of the United Transportation Union representing 185,000 operating employees on the nation's railways, are voting on a strike ballot after a breakdown in negotiations with the National Railway Labor Conference.

Deadline on the voting is today, Friday, May 15. The union constitution authorizes chairmen to vote on nationwide strikes. That does not mean a strike is imminent.

Under the complex Railway Labor Act no strike could be called until mediation efforts failed and the parties went through a 90-day cooling off period during which a presidential emergency board investigated the situation.

The union has asked for services of the National Mediation Board on its wage demands. UTU seeks a 12½ per cent wage increase retroactive to last January 1, another 12½ per cent next January 1 plus a cost of living adjustment, and modification of the method of calculating pay.

The trainmen have received no pay adjustments since last July. Cost of living increases have stripped away pay hikes of previous contracts, said UTU President Charles Luna.

Under the law railway union contracts never expire. The UTU served notice last September it wanted to negotiate a new contract with the National Railway Labor Conference.

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

The first meeting in June will be held on Tuesday, June 9 at Teamsters Hall, 70 Hegenberger Road, Oakland. There will be a special order of business for the purpose of acting on amendments to our by-laws. For those people working nights there will be a meeting at 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 9 at our hall, 10260 MacArthur Boulevard, Oakland.

Regular meetings of Lodge 1546 are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the hour of 8 p.m. in our building at 10260 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland.

Fraternally,
LEVIN CHARLES,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 36

The regular meetings for Carpenters Local Union 36 are held the first and third Thursdays of each month at 8460 Enterprise Way, Oakland, California 94621, at 8 p.m. Phone 569-3465.

The hours of the Financial Secretary's office are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Friday the office closes at 1 p.m.

Stewards meetings are held at 8 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month, at the hall.

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

A Special Called Meeting will be held at 9 p.m., Thursday, June 4, 1970, for the purpose of nominating and electing two delegates to attend the 45th Convention of the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California, July 15, 16, and 17, 1970 at the Del Webb Towne House, San Francisco, Calif.

Effective July 1, 1970, the monthly dues will be raised from $10.50 to $11.75.

The 1969 Claim for Refund forms can be picked up at the Financial Secretary's office. The final filing date is June 30, 1970.

Support yourself, attend your union meetings!

Fraternally,
ALLEN L. LINDER,
Recording Secretary

SERVICE EMPLOYEES 18

General membership meetings of Service Employees Local 18 are held at 3 p.m. the fourth Friday of each month in Jenny Lind Hall, 2267 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland.

Fraternally,
BEN J. TUSI,
Secretary

SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

The regular meetings are every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple.

Fraternally,
ROBERT M. COOPER,
Business Representative

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BARBERS 134

The regular May meeting will be held on Thursday night, May 28, 1970 in Room H of the Labor Temple, 23rd and Valdez Streets, Oakland.

At our April meeting three Petitions and a written notice (90 days prior to expiration date) revised from March meeting to amend working agreement was presented by John Monte Jr. All amendments were tabled (one declared illegal) except first amendment. This amendment to raise price of regular haircuts and shaves 25 cents was accepted with amendments from the floor to raise prices of other services in ratio and accord.

A Petition (first reading) asking that a $5 per month assessment be voted for organizing purposes starting July 1, 1970 and ending June 30, 1971. This was amended to add that $1 per month for Saturday workers only, $2 per month for Friday and Saturday workers, etc.

A Petition (first reading) to place a fine of $15 upon any member who fails to appear before an Executive Board when notified by the Secretary to do so. Amended to $10.

Petition (first reading) to amend our working agreement to open on the Monday 21st before Christmas and the Monday 28th before New Years 1970. These openings would be OPTIONAL and for this year only.

The above proposals will have a second reading, discussion, at the regular May meeting. There will be NO discussion or amendments on the third reading and vote on June 25, and a two-thirds majority vote is needed to pass any of the above resolutions.

SPECIAL NOTICE! Three delegates will be sent to attend the 62nd Annual Convention of the California State Association of Barbers that will be held on July 26, 27, 28, 1970 at the Sacramento Inn in Sacramento. (Two to be elected). Nominations and election will be held at our May 28 meeting. Five union labels must be worn by the nominees.

DO NOT HIRE ANTHONY ROUCCO, RAYMOND CAMPBELL OR JERRY BALLY UNTIL THESE FORMER MEMBERS PAY COURT JUDGMENTS OWED TO LOCAL 134 PLUS FULL READMISSION FEES.

Fraternally,
JACK M. REED,
Secretary-Treasurer

PAINT MAKERS 1975

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF PAINT MAKERS AND ALLIED TRADES UNION LOCAL 1975

The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, May 19, 1970 at the Serbian Hall, 225 Valencia Street, San Francisco at 8 p.m.

On the agenda will be nominations for all officers except Trustee. Nominations for delegates and committees will also take place. These positions are for three year terms.

DATE: Tuesday, May 19, 1970.
TIME: 8:00 P.M.
PLACE: Lodge Room, Serbian Hall, 225 Valencia Street, San Francisco, California.

Fraternally,
CARL JARAMILLO,
Business Manager &
Financial Secretary

IRON WORKERS 378

Our Regular Executive Board meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, 8 p.m.

Stewards meetings also are held the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 8 p.m.

Our regular membership meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month, 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
BOB McDONALD,
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HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

This is to officially notify you that there will be a SPECIAL CALL MEETING held May 14, 1970, 8:00 p.m., at 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward, California for the purpose of NOMINATING and ELECTING 4 DELEGATES to attend the 31st General Convention to be held in San Francisco, beginning Monday, August 24, 1970.

Convention will continue until all business has been completed.

ALSO—for Nomination and Election of 4 Regular and 10 Alternate Delegates to the District Council.

Regular meetings are held the second and fourth Thursdays of each moth at 8 p.m. with a social following the meeting on the fourth Thursday.

The office of the financial secretary is open 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday; 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays, and 7:30 a.m. to noon Fridays.

Stewards meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. A stewards training program is held in conjunction with the stewards meeting.

The 1969 Claim for Refund forms can be picked up at the Financial Secretary's Office.

Final filing date is June 30, 1970.

Fraternally,
KYLE W. MOON,
Recording Secretary

PRINTING SPECIALTIES 382

Meeting second Friday of the month at 8 p.m. in Jenny Lind Hall, 2267 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland.

Fraternally,
TED E. AHL
Secretary

BERKELEY CARPENTERS 1158

On May 21, 1970 there will be a SPECIAL CALLED meeting at 1970 Chestnut Street, Berkeley, Calif. to elect two delegates to the 31st General Convention which is to be held at San Francisco, Calif. beginning on Monday, August 24, 1970 at 10 a.m. and to continue until Convention business has been completed. Refreshments will be served at this meeting.

Regular meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of each month at Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut St., Berkeley.

Be a good member. Attend union meetings. You may win a door prize.

Effective July 1, 1970, dues will be raised $1.25 per month.

Fraternally,
NICK J. AFDAMO,
Recording Secretary

ALAMEDA CARPENTERS 194

Carpenters Local 194 meets the first and third Monday evenings of the month at 8 p.m. in the Veterans Memorial Building, located at 2201 Central Avenue, Alameda.

Refreshments are served following the first meeting of the month in the Canteen for all present. You are urged to attend your Local's meetings.

A special called meeting will be held Monday, May 18, 1970 at 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of nominating and electing two delegates to the General Convention to be held in San Francisco beginning Monday, August 24, 1970.

Fraternally,
WM. "BILL" LEWIS,
Recording Secretary

MILLMEN'S UNION 550

There will be a SPECIAL CALLED MEETING, held on Friday, May 15, 1970 in conjunction with our regular meeting in May for the purpose of nominating and electing delegates to our General Convention to be held in August. This meeting will be held in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland. The Hall will be posted on the Bulletin Board in the lobby of the Labor Temple.

Fraternally,
GEO. H. JOHNSON,
Financial Secretary

AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

Auto, Marine & Specialty Painters 1176 meets on the first and third Tuesdays of every month in Room H, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, at 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Business Representative

CARPET & LINOLEUM 1290

The next meeting of Carpet, Linoleum and Soft Tile Workers, Local 1290, will be held on Thursday, May 28, 1970, Hall "C," 8 p.m., 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland. There will be nomination of Officers at this meeting with election to be held Wednesday, June 17, 1970. Please attend.

National Conference deaths are now due and payable through NC 354.

The Vision Care Foundation has changed their Oakland address from Franklin Street to 103 Grand Avenue, Oakland.

Fraternally,
BOB SEIDEL,
Recording Secretary

STEAMFITTERS 342

The Steamfitters Joint Apprenticeship Committee has made arrangements to hold our Union's Annual Apprenticeship Ceremonies, honoring our Union's Graduating Apprentices, at the Concord Inn, 1601 Willow Pass Road, Concord, California, on the evening of June 6, 1970.

No-host cocktails will be served from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. followed by a steak dinner.

Tickets for the affair may be obtained at the Union's office or through our Union's representatives at $5.00 per person so let us set this evening aside on your calendar and have a good turnout of our membership to welcome these young fellows into the ranks of journeymen.

Fraternally,
JIM MARTIN,
Business Manager

S.F.-OAKLAND MAILERS 18

The next regular meeting of San Francisco-Oakland Mailers' Union, No. 18, will be held at Monadnock Building, 681 Market Street, San Francisco, on Sunday afternoon, May 17, 1970 at 1:00 o'clock.

Fraternally,
EARL D. WHISENHUNT,
Secretary

PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The next regular meeting of Plumbers and Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 1970 in Hall "M" on the 3rd floor of the Labor Temple Building, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California, at 8 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Regular order of business — to adjourn at 9 p.m. sharp.
2. A special called meeting to take a secret ballot vote on the recommendations set forth by the Negotiating Committee regarding the allocation of the 82 cents increase, effective July 1, 1970.

Please make an earnest effort to attend—Union meetings are an important part of your Union membership.

Fraternally,
GEORGE A. HESS,
Business Manager and
Financial Secretary-
Treasurer

U.C. EMPLOYEES 371

Our next regular meeting will be held on June 13 at 2 p.m. at 155 Kroeber Hall. It will be preceeded by the Executive Board meeting at 1 p.m.; also the stewards meeting. We would like to see a large turnout.

Fraternally,
J. J. SANTORO,
Secretary-Treasurer

PRINTING SPECIALTIES 678

Meeting second Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. in Cannery Workers Hall, 492 C Street, Hayward, California.

Fraternally,
JOSEPH CABRAL,
Secretary

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES 3

General membership meeting Hall C, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, the fourth Friday of the month, 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
WRAY JACOBS,
Recording Secretary

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Plumbers' children will compete for scholarship awards

Children and grandchildren of members of Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local 444 again this year will compete for college scholarships offered by the Plumbing, Heating & Cooling Contractors Association of Alameda County.

Eight $250 scholarships are available. Applications are available at the Local 444 office and must be filled out and returned by June 12.

Local 444 President Wallace Hicks has named Jack Tuttle, Al Palmiter and Charles Fugel as the Scholarship Committee.

Applicants must be high school seniors graduating in June and are to provide school grade records and a letter of recommendation from a teacher. The scholarships are available at any accredited college or university.

The $2,000 for the eight scholarships comes from the association's Industry Promotion Fund. The management group originally distributed scholarships itself but for five years has turned over its scholarships to the union for screening and selection of winners.

Optometrists to get CLC help in setting Kaiser talks

Optometrists, who walked out at Kaiser health facilities from Santa Clara to Sacramento, will get Alameda County Central Labor Council help in setting up meetings with management for a settlement.

The 42 members of the unaffiliated California Optometric Association want a better salary structure, raising pay and eliminating piecework, plus professional improvements.

They asked the Labor Council this week for help in gaining talks to resolve their difficulties and the council agreed.

Their present pay starts at $818 a month and progresses to $1,000, with $1.50 per patient for each one seen after the first 16 a day. They want a $1,050 to $1,400 a month scale, no piecework and a $50 a month raise for each year of service up to 10 years.

They want the right to check glasses ground to their prescriptions when the patient receives them. And they want proper professional equipment which they say has been denied them in many cases.

Meet to set up consumer unit here

Plans to organize a local unit of the Association of California Consumers will be made at a public meeting next Thursday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the San Leandro Community Library Center at 300 Estudillo Aveenue.

"Citizens are fed up with shoddy merchandise, high prices, deceptive practices and utility rate increases and feel something should be done," said Mrs. Lucy Santos, a member of the San Leandro organizing committee. "By acting together we can resolve some of these complaints."

Executive Director Sylvia Siegel of the statewide association will speak.

Printers' delegate

Thomas Roberts of Oakland Typographical Union Local 36 was seated as a new delegate by the Alameda County Central Labor Council last week.

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Now it's time to get set for a Nixon recession

Back in the bad Depression 1930s, pay cuts were the order of the day—for those lucky enough to keep their jobs.

Where no union contract could stop it, management cut its expenses by slashing pay. One employer we remember combined successive pay cuts with the requirement that its employes buy company stock out of their reduced salaries to shore up dwindling earnings.

Pay cuts in bad times, however, are not just history. For the first time since the Depression, we have just seen a notice that one large company is reducing pay for 50 per cent of its salaried employes.

Those employees are non-union and probably include a goodly number who are company-minded and feel—or felt—that they could go onward and upward with management.

Our main point, however, is not the valid one that a union could have saved these white collar workers' paychecks.

It is the timely one that the national administration's policy of economic slowdown, vainly aimed against inflation, is bringing back much of the phenomena of the poverty-stricken 1930s.

Nixonism means joblessness, as we have observed before.

It means that layoffs, which started with blue collar workers now are spreading to salaried employes as General Motors plans its first companywide white collar workers staff cut since the 1958 Republican recession.

It means recession, in fact.

The President commented at his press conference last week that April's nationwide jobless rate of 4.8 per cent is less than the rate in the early 1960s under Democratic administrations.

This is the old Tricky Dick manipulating statistics. He failed to mention that the Democrats inherited a 7 per cent rate from the last GOP administration of which Nixon was a prominent member.

Those early 1960s jobless rates represent a lessening of previously existing unemployment.

They compare with a huge jump in joblessness from 5.8 per cent to 7.4 per cent in three months of GOP rule in 1958.

Under Nixon, there has been a similar huge jump, from 3.5 per cent in December to 4.8 per cent in April.

Meanwhile, inflation which is the ostensible target of the Nixon slowdown, is flourishing.

Workers who are jobless or drawing shorter paychecks as a result of Nixon policies, must pay higher and higher prices.

Nixonism means joblessness. It means less money in your paycheck.

And it means that economic contradiction—recession and high prices.

This is not ending the war

Candidate Nixon told the public two years ago that he had a plan to end the war in Viet Nam.

His former boss, President Eisenhower, had campaigned on a similar plank in 1952, promising to end the war in Korea. Eisenhower delivered on his promise.

Nixon has not. This month, without consultation with Congress, he has unilaterally widened the war into Cambodia.

To achieve his stated purpose of wiping out enemy sanctuaries, it is obvious that he must keep troops in Cambodia indefinitely. His political promise of early withdrawal has dismayed the military brass.

Either he withdraws, wasting lives to no permanent end, while the North Vietnamese reoccupy the border area, or he stays in Cambodia. This has brought him censure from many quarters, including the Alameda County Cenral Labor Council's charge of "deception, dishonesty and violation of our Constitution."

Walter Reuther gave much

The death of Walter Reuther removes another link with labor's great pre-World War II organizing era. More than that, Reuther was an extremely and dedicated man who had contributed much to labor's economic and social progress.

His differences with the AFL-CIO do not detract from these achievements. His loss is a sad one for his United Auto Workers. Since all labor's interests are basically the same, it is a loss for all labor.

'This Is for All of Us!'



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A view on young people

Editor, Labor Journal:

(Here is a letter I sent to the Oakland Tribune. It has been several years since a letter of mine was published in that paper; I believe that the editorial staff is allergic to my opinions):

Editor: I must commend Mr. Jack Lane Ashby for the fine rhetoric used in his letter of Monday April 20th.

His historical knowledge of the Stanford Axe is the most comprehensive I have read, so far, and his metaphoric use of it is a wonderful concept. However, his comparisons of the youth of the past and present brings to mind two "whys," as regards the social reactions of youth of the past, compared with those of present day youths.

I personally do not condone violence, in any form, and if man were really civilized he would be ruled by intelligence; even war should be a thing of the past.

Sometimes evolution plus "progress" bring about incomprehensible situations. Destruction of property is always reprehensible but is a result of uncontrollable anger, caused by inability to cope with one's emotions, and to evoke responses from proper sources.

Most social and political channels are closed to the young.

The over-all awareness of today's youth may be no greater, than to that of the past, but issues of the present are far more complicated and different.

With reference to the "hippies," as far as I am concerned sanitary and ideological hygiene should be left to personal preferences; I reject snobbery as not being a part of the democratic process.

A quite recent development is our government's policy of initiating "holding actions" which eventually develop into full scale undeclared wars.

Without having the honesty to confess its fault in having made a mistake, the error is compounded by obfuscation.

There is no better country to live in than here but let the Establishment revive the Era of Honesty, when our complacency and naivete were not such threats to survival, as now.

Sincerely yours,

NATHANIEL F. DICKERSON,
UC, Berkeley, Cardiac Flunkout, Class of '55;
Recording Secretary of UC Employees Local 371.

Congratulations

Editor, Labor Journal:

I congratulate you on printing the fine letter of Elizabeth Mackin. I hadn't realized such an excellent letter could appear in the Journal. She's obviously dedicated and genuine but somehow doesn't sound like a trade unionist.

I'd go a little stronger on Meany.

And by the way, send this on to Meany if you know his address and do me a favor.

JOHN M. JENCKS,
Berkeley

Latins view law as tool of injustice, study finds

The United States Commission on Civil Rights painted a bleak picture of the relationship between Mexican-Americans and the law in California and other western states.

In its 135 page report this spring, the commission charged Colorado jails had supplied Mexican-American workers to farmers in virtual peonage, and that excessive bail was used in Texas to hinder activities of the AFL-CIO United Farm Workers Organizing Committee.

"The attitude of Mexican-Americans toward the institutions responsible for the administration of justice—the police, the courts, and related agencies—is distrustful, fearful and hostile," the commission found.

"They view the law as an instrument to create and perpetuate injustice, rather than as an instrument to solve their problems."

The commission conceded the police couldn't resolve such basic problems as poverty but added:

"Nevertheless, it (the commission) finds no justification for illegal or unconstitutional action by the very persons who are responsible for the enforcement of the law."

The report noted that the minorities have little or no opportunity for redress against police mistreatment, noting that:

"Instances of police retaliation against complainants indicate that to pursue any remedy against police abuse may be dangerous to Mexican Americans."

The commission made 18 recommendations for corrective action at federal and state levels, most of which would apply equally to blacks and Indians, whom the commission said suffer similar inequalities before the law.

Six of the recommendations were directed at what the commission called "widespread patterns of police misconduct against Mexican Americans."

In Monte Vista and Center, Colorado, the commission said, farmers bail out Mexican American laborers arrested over the weekend and then force them to work out the bail harvesting crops. Witnesses told the commission that this form of peonage was supported by magistrates and police.

It found that in Texas UFWOC members involved in an organizing campaign were denied their legal rights, held on excessive bail and in some cases it took seven to 10 days to get union members released from jail.

The commission criticism of Anglo treatment of Mexican-Americans included lack of proportionate representation in juries, courts, law enforcement agencies and district attorney's offices.

Coast baker pact reached

Negotiators for 10,000 West Coast bakers won a wage and fringe benefit increase in marathon negotiations in Santa Monica with the bakery industry last weekend.

All 15 local unions of the Bakery & Confectionery Workers from San Diego to Seattle, which are involved, had voted to strike if necessary for a satisfactory settlement.

The money package was gained for Los Angeles-Long Beach area bakers. The coastwide negotiating committee accepted it for other local unions under authorization previously granted it.

Local issues, however, must still be settled. Then the membership will vote on ratification.

The raises are retroactive to April 30, when the former contract expired. Bargaining for the locals, including Local 119 here, has been underway for weeks.

Employers include Kilpatrick's, Langendorf, Continental, Safeway, Oroweat and a number of smaller bakeries.

Denk stricken

Secretary-Treasurer Herbert Denk of Bakers Local 119 was a casualty of the lengthy talks which won a coastwise bakery wage and fringe settlement in Santa Monica last weekend.

He suffered a heart attack at the Los Angeles airport while preparing to return home. He was flown to an East Bay hospital where physicians said his condition was satisfactory. He was expected to be sent home within a few days.

I-J picket line crossers not welcomed at the cathedral

Picket line crossers at the scab San Rafael Independent-Journal got a polite but firm rebuff when they tried to arrange a picture report on the nearly completed St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral in San Francisco.

Monsignor Thomas J. Bowne received a call from the I-J to arrange a tour of the structure. He reported he replied that an invitation would be improper at this time.

He told his I-J caller that he personally would not cross a picket line.

Members of Typographical Union Local 21 have been on strike at the I-J since early January and management's latest contract offer is for a scale $51.35 less a week for most printers than the prevailing area scale.

Monsignor Bowne said he called the I-J's attention to an article in the archdiocesan paper, the Monitor, on the efforts of Catholic and other clergymen to persuade the Marin County supervisors to form a fact-finding committee to seek peace in the dispute.

The I-J is having none of the fact finding idea.

Meanwhile, Local 21 was intensifying its informational picketing effort to inform shoppers which companies are supporting the scab Marin paper with advertising.

Walter Reuther, UAW chief, dead

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gan. They had flown from Detroit for a check on progress of a union family education center the UAW was building in Pellston.

In 45 years of union activity, Reuther was credited with being the first union representative to ask a profit-sharing plan in a contract, the first to gain a guaranteed annual wage and the first to obtain cost of living increases.

His stated philosophy was to solve the problem of full employment "in an expanding economy based on the fair and healthy relationship between wages, prices and profits . . ."

Two years ago, after serving as vice president of the AFL-CIO since its merger, he led the UAW out of the national organization. The UAW and Teamsters then set up their Alliance for Labor Action, which they said was intended to do more to solve fundamental social and economic issues. AFL-CIO charged ALA was a rival organization.

There were other story aspects to Reuther's career. As a Ford foreman in 1931, he was again fired for union organizing. Later, in the "battle of the overpass," he was badly roughed up by Ford security guards.

In 1948, an assassin attempted to kill him and crippled his right arm with a shotgun blast.

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UC custodians seek settlement on non-wage items

University of California building custodians have opened talks on non-wage items, seeking settlement by July 1 when the new university budget will become effective.

AFSCME UC Employees Local 371 which last year won raises twice those prescribed in Governor Reagan's budget, will open new wage talks later this year.

Business Representative Robert McLane said the union wants a signed agreement, replacing the university's letter of agreement; dues checkoff, fully paid health care to include dependents and Social Security coverage for all custodians.

The university now pays $8 a month for health care, meeting less than half the employe coverage alone. Long term custodian employes have Social Security coverage but those hired more recently do not.

Last year Local 371 gained 10 per cent pay raises to be effective July 1. That was twice Reagan's 5 per cent allotment for university raises.

Voluntary plan for construction opportunity seen

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plan for increasing minority participation in the industry.

"It will involve some modification of the present programs," he said, "but that is not insuperable."

Next step for such a program is to secure federal financing, he said.

Wilks conceded to BACOP, in face of big joblessness in construction, that "it is difficult for you to agree there is a shortage of supply of workers in the construction industry."

He maintained, however, the industry is expected to develop 2,000,000 new jobs in the next eight years. He said the Labor Department seeks to increase enrollment in construction skills training 50 per cent this year and continue expanding over the next five years.

Wilks agreed that a "hometown plan" agreed upon by unions, contractors and the minority community is far better than a program such as the "Philadelphia Plan," imposed on them by the government.

Elias L. Arellano, business manager of Sheet Metal Workers 216 who ended his term as BACOP president, announced that the organization group is expanding.

Monterey County will join Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties in BACOP, he said.

"It's a good program," Arrellano said. "Not enough jobs is the story."

Gardner Morse, executive manager of Sheet Metal, Heating & Air Conditioning Contractors of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, was elected president to succeed Arellano.

Other officers named were Wayne Thomas, IBEW 617, San Mateo, first vice president; N. C. Green, president of Marin Building Trades Council, vice president; Charles O. Kearns, Jr., Santa Clara County Builders Exchange, vice president; George A. Hess, Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local 444, secretary; Paul W. Davis, Santa Clara County, treasurer.

Alameda County union officials continuing as members of the executive board of directors include Arellano, Childers and Thomas Sweeney of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 595.

Nixon Cambodia censure

The Alameda County Central Labor Council executive committee last week approved a resolution censuring President Nixon for "deception, dishonesty and violation of our Constitution" in sending American troops into Cambodia.

The Labor Council had endorsed the sense of the resolution, introduced by Abe Newman of Chabot Teachers 1440, and referred it to the committee with power to release it after rewording.

As issued by the committee, the resolution charged the President "has chosen to ignore constitutional requirements by arrogantly and unilaterally ordering United States forces into Cambodia without prior consultation with our elected representatives in Congress."

Noting that "we as working citizens are just as concerned with violation of the law by business and government as we are with crime in the streets," it resolved:

". . . that in order to stop the growing and illegal tendency in high office to trample on the constitutional rights of American citizens, this Central Labor Council urges our Congress to:

"1. Repeal the Gulf of Tonkin resolution without delay, as we have requested in the past,

"2. Pass the Hatfield-McGovern bill to cut off funds for Cambodia as of now, and for Laos/Viet Nam as of December, and

"3. Censure the President for his deception, dishonesty and violation of our Constitution."

A/C carmen get strike sanction

Carmen's Division 192 was armed with Alameda County Central Labor Council strike sanction against the A/C Transit District this week as the union reported management still was not bargaining on cost items.

The membership has authorized its executive committee to take any action, including calling a non-contract, no-work strike, if there is not settlement when the present agreement expires May 31.

Division 192 President Ed Cordeiro reported that some 30 issues had been resolved, mostly language clarification, but that there had been no bargaining on major cost items of wages and fringes.

District negotiators also were still refusing to meet on weekends to speed negotiations in hopes of avoiding a possible walkout.

Sanction was granted by the Labor Council executive committee last Friday under its power to act because of cancellation of this week's council meeting.

Meanwhile, the Amalgamated Transit Union, Division 192's international union, dispatched General Executive Board Member Charles McCaffrey of Denver to aid the division in negotiations.

Division 192 wants raises and other improvements for more than 1,400 drivers, mechanics and white collar workers it represents with the district. It seeks at least as much as San Francisco Municipal Railway rates of next July.

Work hazards grow; committee asks U.S. action

A committee with equal labor management and public representation has unanimously declared it imperative that comprehensive safety-health legislation be enacted by Congress this year.

The 15-member group known as the National Safety Advisory Committee, was established last April by Secretary of Labor George P. Shultz to advise him on the worsening problem of on-the-job accidents and health hazards.

Following a meeting of the committee in Washington, D.C., Chairman Howard Pyle announced that a tripartite subcommittee will be formed to seek areas of general agreement on provisions that should be in a safety-health bill.

Shultz expressed hope that the subcommittee will perform an important role in gaining legislation "that meets the approval of employes, employers and others interested in the welfare of men and women on the job."

Labor members of the committee are: George Taylor, executive secretary of the AFL-CIO Safety Committee; Alan Burch, safety director, Operating Engineers; Steelworkers Secretary-Treasurer Walter J. Burke; Brewery Workers Secretary-Treasurer Arthur P. Gildea, and Vice President Elwood Swisher of the Oil, Chemical & Atomic Workers.

BTC agreements

New Alameda County Building Trades Council contracts, reported to last week's BTC meeting are with Spears & Urrere and M. C. Pardini.

COPE asks help in Unruh, Cohelan, Brown mailing

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mininstration's escalation of the Asian war and turn America's energies from war to solving poverty, pollution, racism and other national problems."

Of Assemblyman Jess Unruh, who has united labor support for governor, COPE writes:

"Jess Unruh, as governor, will put the state's emphasis where it belongs—on service to all the people, without favor to big industry.

"For four years, California has labored under a Republican governor's policies of cutting back on health, education, safety, aid to the aged and unfortunate.

"The present governor's tax policies — including the biggest tax increase in any state's history — pile extra burdens on those of moderate income while giving business multi-million dollar tax breaks.

"Jess Unruh will seek to find and correct the causes of urban unrest, rather than the present administration's answer to violence with more violence, begetting still more strife . . ."

The brochure urges support for Congressman George Brown, seeking to unseat a reactionary GOP incumbent, thus:

"George Brown has been a courageous friend of working people, first in the California Legislature and now in Congress . . . Public employes remember him as the man whose bill granted them to right to union recognition and bargaining with local government.

"When General Electric provoked a nationwide strike by its 'take it or leave it' attitude, he supported labor's cause. While most politicians shied away from the farm workers' long struggle . . . he was in their corner. He has been a friend of consumers, minorities, working people."

The brochure covers all COPE endorsements on candidates from the county level up and advises the voters on state and local ballot proposition endorsements.

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